

# Saturday Special...Cohasset Town Election

The Cohasset town elections will be held Saturday, April 14, at Town Hall. The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Assistant Town Clerk Frances Marks predicted this week that races for selectmen and the school committee would produce a good turnout. "It's a townie, a town thing, and there has been a lot of campaigning going on," she commented.

Voters are reminded that they may cast absentee ballots at the town clerk's office until Friday noon time. Mrs.

Marks noted that many absentee ballots had already come in from people who will be away on election day.

This year's election has a five-way race for selectman to succeed Mary Jeanette Murray who decided not to seek reelection in order to devote more time to her duties in the state legislature. In the race are George Adams, Doris Golden, Lester Hiltz, Rocco Laugelle and Glen Pratt for a three-year term.

Vying for two three-year terms on the

School Committee are Irene Brown, Martha Gjestby, John Kinchla and Gerard Reed. Diana David Kornet is unopposed for a one-year term.

In other contests, Marilyn Sweeney and Stephen Wigmore are running for a single three-year term on the Board of Health, and Lot Bates and Richard Barrows are seeking a three-year term on the Board of Water Commissioners.

Frederick Huntwork and Lloyd Prescott are seeking a one five-year

term on the Housing Authority.

Candidates who are unopposed for election include: Michael Patroia for a three-year term on the Board of Assessors; Leavitt Goodwin for a five-year term on the Planning Board; John Bradley for a two-year term on the Planning Board; Alna Ekberg for a five-year term on the Recreation Commission and David Chittim, Elizabeth Eaton and Nancy Gilmore for three three-year terms on the Board of Library Trustees.

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### 138-123 On A Secret Ballot

## Police Win Civil Service Fight



**RICHARD HAVERILL**  
... Capital Budget speaker



**PATRICK HURLEY**  
Advisory Committee spokesman



**DAVID PLACE**  
... Makes a point.

A secret ballot at the Annual Town Meeting Tuesday night resulted in the defeat of Article 44, which called for the exemption of future members of the Police Department from Civil Service Laws and Rules, with a vote of 138 to 123.

Since the meeting's start Saturday voters have approved an operating budget of \$6,558,199 which includes a \$3.5 million school budget, continued study and plans for the Town Hall renovation and retention of the School Committee at six members. Voters have defeated articles requesting \$625,000 to construct and furnish a new sub fire station, \$65,000 to install a water main on Route 3A and \$235,000 and site location for a new sewage treatment plant.

Proponent of Article 44 Selectman Henry Ainslie, who spoke for his board, read aloud the Selectmen's proposed rules and regulations for assuming full responsibility of the Police Department.

Ainslie prefaced his remarks by noting the dismissal of two police officers within the past two years and the Selectmen's goal "to reduce the chances of such things happening in the first place."

He outlined a recent case involving a patrolman who was dismissed from the department. The man in question had been known to Civil Service officials as an admitted alcoholic, yet Selectmen hadn't been apprised of his condition.

Ainslie said one reason for the exorbitant Police Department over-

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## Planners Innocent Of Conflict Charge

Two present members and one former member of the Planning Board were exonerated of conflict of interest violations last week by the District Attorney's office.

Chairman of the Planning Board Glenn Pratt, Vice-Chairman John Bradley and consultant to the board Roberta Leary were declared not in violation of the criminal provision of the conflict of interest law, General Law 2668A.

Selectman Arthur Clark read the ruling in a letter sent to Eric Pearson, owner of Highway Motor Sales at Town Meeting Saturday morning. Pearson had filed a complaint with the District Attorney's office concerning possible violations on March 22, 1979.

Pearson had alleged that Mrs. Leary resigned from the Planning Board on July 6, 1977 and was paid a fee on Nov. 15, 1978 by the Planning Board for consulting services. Pearson alleged that the conflict of interest law prohibited such services.

It was ruled, however, that the applicable section of the law does not prohibit consulting services and deals only with former municipal employees who act as an agent or attorney or receive compensation from someone other than the town.

Another section of the law does prohibit appointment of a former board member until the expiration of 30 days from the termination of service. But still no evidence of a violation by Mrs. Leary was found.

Pearson further alleged that Bradley had acted as an agent to obtain a building permit for a lot owner in Cohasset. Two sections of the law, the D.A.'s office noted, prohibit a "municipal employee" from receiving com-

pensation from acting as an agent or attorney for anyone other than the town in a particular matter in which the town has a substantial interest.

However, special municipal employees are exempt from these sections except in very limited circumstances which are not present in this case, the letter stated. According to the records of Town Counsel, Planning

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## EPA Recommends Expanded Sewer

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued Cohasset a permit allowing the continued discharge of effluent to James Brook until Dec. 31, 1981. After that time, the EPA recommended that Cohasset use additional sewage treatment works, dumping effluent to Cohasset Harbor.

The EPA recommended the following schedule for the town of Cohasset:

By June 30, 1979 submit complete proposed facilities plan, including expanded secondary sewage treatment facilities to the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution (MDWPC) for review and approval.

By Sept. 30, 1979, file a complete application with the MDWPC for grant assistance in preparation of final plans and specifications (Step 2) for the approved project.

By June 30, 1980, submit complete final plans and specifications to MDWPC for review and approval.

By Oct. 30, 1980 file a complete application with the MDWPC for grant assistance in the construction (Step 3) of the approved project.

By March 31, 1981 commence construction of the approved treatment works.

By Dec. 31, 1981 complete construc-

tion of the treatment works.

"The EPA has every right to enforce this schedule," Supt. of the Water and Sewer Department Edwin Pratt said last week. Pratt explained that tests show that Cohasset has had increasing difficulty in meeting effluent characteristic requirements which include: flow, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids, settleable solids, fecal coliform bacteria, total coliform bacteria, CI2.

Chairman of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners John Hobbs concurred,

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